

# The Faith Communicator

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## Pastor's Perspective...



by Pastor Dan Hansen

*When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends...but invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind...*

*Luke 14:12 & 13*

*Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it..*

*Hebrews 13:2*

1) On our ministry...Doesn't our new landscaping look great? Wow, what a transformation in recent years. It's been inspiring to watch everything grow and develop. I love the quote; "The church proclaims the love of Christ not only with words and deeds, but with every flower and blade of grass that we love and care for in Jesus' name."

Similarly, God has called us to be "transformed" as disciples of Christ. As you know, I believe that all churches have the same mission: to "make disciples of all nations." As much as we want to be good stewards of the beautiful building and property that God has entrusted to us, even more we want to be good stewards of the treasure of disciples the Holy Spirit has called and gathered here. Beautiful buildings come and go, so we pray that we might stay focused on making disciples.

As disciples of Christ, we've identified our core values and

hope that most visitors can spot them readily: "To be a church that is: 1) Bible-centered, 2) prayer-centered, 3) worship-centered with an inspirational blend, 4) kid-friendly, 5) visitor-friendly, 6) a model of the Priesthood of believers, 7) a model of first-fruits giving." That is us, don't you think?

Mostly...and I thank God where we have been true to our core values. But you know what? Lately, I've had to confront the uncomfortable truth that as we grow, it may be harder for newer families to "break in" and feel at home than perhaps in the past when we were a smaller church. Please join me in reaching out to those who might be new in our midst. Invite them to Sunday school or to Bible study or the next fellowship event that you are aware of from the bulletin. Or ask them to join your table for Wednesday suppers.

Also in our discipleship, I believe that there is a direct connection between pastoral care and worship attendance, and through

the years whenever I've noticed a "plateau" in attendance, almost always that has meant that our pastoral care has been lacking. As much as I sometimes worry about "bugging" people with multiple phone messages, many times I've been thanked that the church "calls and cares." Since one of our core values is to model that we are the "Priesthood of all Believers," let's work together on this. Is there someone you haven't seen for a while? Give them a call or send them an email: "We've missed you...how ya doing?"

- 2) On new member assimilation...Is it possible to grow too fast? Sometimes. And for churches that means losing new members out the "back door" while new people are coming in the "front door." Studies indicate that churches have about six weeks to get new members involved; after that it's much harder because they have decided they're not needed, or they'll slip into inactivity, or they'll simply slip away altogether. While some people are "self-starters" and they quickly jump into church activities, most folks need encouragement and personal invitations to get involved. Welcome to ministry. While the challenge of this task usually falls primarily on church staffs and councils, truly it's best if we all work together to welcome and encourage the involvement of our new members. Thanks for your help in this vital ministry!

Also, it occurs to me that we can help our new members by wearing our nametags. We really haven't emphasized this much in recent years, but truly it would be helpful. How many times have you shared the peace with someone and wished you could remember their name? It's happened to all of us! As I always say when we pass the peace, "We encourage you to learn new names!" Wearing nametags would help all of us. If you've lost yours, please contact the office.

In most churches I've visited, people don't offer their names during the passing of the peace. Since we're "not your typical Lutheran church," let's be different in this regard also. Try to ALWAYS say the other person's name; "The peace of the Lord, name." Or, "God's peace, name." Or "Good morning, help me remember your name..." Or, "You look familiar, have we met?" Or, "I think we met a while back, help me remember your name..." As with the old TV show "Cheers," let's be the church where "everyone knows our name!"

- 3) On our Candlelight Communion Service every Wednesday at 7:00...Spread the word! This is a neat service and it is a thrill to hear our young people sing and pray. We're blessed

to have John Christianson leading the music. Especially if you missed the weekend services or if you expect to miss the weekend worship services, come join us for Wednesday worship!

- 4) On our fall budgeting process...Our church budget is probably somewhat similar to your family budget—we can't always get everything we want! Nevertheless, we have been SO blessed! Once again we pray that the Holy Spirit would lead and guide us that we might be faithful to God's plan and purpose for our church.

Once again, we have the opportunity to make a faithful response to a God who has given us everything we have with our "Estimate of Giving" cards. We've been blessed with a number of "tithers" in our church—people who give at least 10 percent of their income to various charitable causes. If you're not there yet, one simple way to grow in your giving is by increasing it 1 percent (of your total annual income) each year. I invite you to have a plan for growing in your giving because over and over, I've observed that churches and individuals who simply give the "leftovers" of the income... usually don't have much "left over." We hope we're setting a good example as a congregation by "giving away" the first 20 percent of our offerings to various outreach ministries, and certainly we have found that in putting "others" first, God has been more than generous in providing for our needs as a congregation.

The really good news is that we have a lot of youth and families counting on our faithful response. What each one of us does will make a difference here and beyond our walls. Since the first 20 percent of Faith Community's income goes to ministry beyond our walls, as John Christianson sang last week: "Let it be said of us..." that we saw the needs of our young people and neighbors, opened our hearts to them and showed our love to others in our action of giving with great generosity.

Please take time to pray about your faith response. Acknowledging God as the owner of all that you have been given, I invite you to come, share your gifts and make a difference in the name of Jesus Christ.

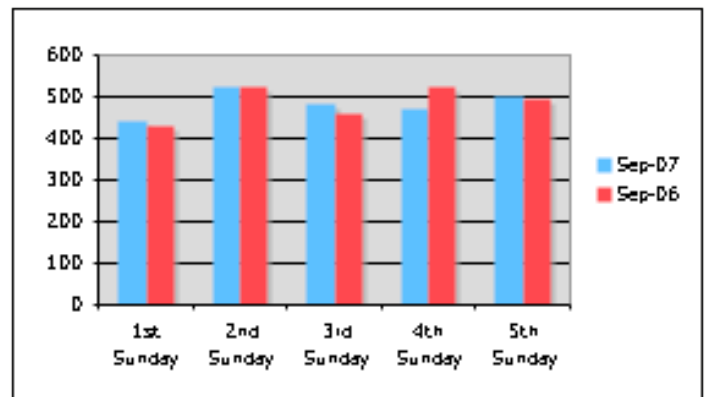


Your partner in ministry,  
Pastor Dan

# Attendance

## Worship Attendance

	Sep-07	Sep-06
1st Sunday	443	431
2nd Sunday	521	523
3rd Sunday	483	459
4th Sunday	471	523
5th Sunday	500	497





by Pastor Bruce Welander



As I write this, it is looking more and more like autumn outside, as more and more changing leaves fill this wonderful time of year with brightness and color. Those last three words describe much of the life of Faith Community these days as well. It's bright and colorful. What a joy to worship and serve with the dedicated and energetic people of God in this place. So, first of all.... happy October!

However, not always does life look bright. For people dealing with fresh and painful losses, autumn leaves can be particularly sad. We have had a number of deaths of members and loved ones related to this congregation in this past year, and it is time to offer another version of the Grief Support Group and, later on, other programs related to life's losses.

So... coming up soon, on the four Thursday evenings in October, there will be opportunities for exploring our griefs in the light of God's healing. On October 4, 11, 18 and 25, 7:00 – 8:15 pm each time - I will be leading sessions designed not simply to understand the grief process better, but to process our own grief. This is not really a "class," but, as the name says, a supportive community. Although some learning is involved, sharing and seeking God's healing is paramount.

I found this to be helpful for myself very personally three years ago, when my wife and both of my parents died within a period of four months. I was glad that I had a chance to talk about this with others who had experienced loss. Since that time, in various Grief Support Groups here, I have continued to relate some of my experiences, with the hope that this will help others to understand more deeply what to expect in losses, and to explore ways to cope with, and even grow in, our grief.

Even in life's most painful experiences, God provides resources for healing, and we will seek to receive and to share these. If you would like to participate in a group where this can happen, please let me know as soon as possible, or give Janelle Olson a call in

the church office, and we will warmly welcome you, beginning on Thursday, October 4.

Also, as I reflect on the fall season so far... did you know that Faith Community offers two excellent Bible studies for men every week? There is a group that meets each Tuesday evening, and another early on Wednesday mornings (6:30 – 7:30). It is my privilege to lead the latter group. Our attendance in September was excellent, but we always have room for more men. Currently, we are studying the Letter to the Hebrews. This wonderful book of the Bible has evoked some great discussion so far, and I always am personally enriched by this. All men are welcome at either of these weekly groups... and there are also some great weekly opportunities for women too.

I am also pleased at the schedule for three different adult classes on Sunday mornings as well, with Pastor Dan and John Benson and I as leaders of the various groups. I am personally grateful for the interest shown in Lutheran teachings in my sessions on "Here We Stand." If you have been looking for an opportunity to explore where Lutherans stand on key teachings in the faith – and, in the process, discover more of what Catholics teach – and other Protestants too – I think you will find these sessions stimulating.

On the next few Sunday mornings, we'll be finishing our exploration of the Augsburg Confession, a key document in early Lutheranism. Then we'll go on to Luther's Small Catechism and probe as adults what many of us first were exposed to as young people in confirmation classes. I find that many passages of this classic catechism have taken on new and richer meaning in my adult years. So, whether you were confirmed decades ago or are brand new to the Lutheran experience of the Christian faith, I invite you to this class, which meets each Sunday in the Sunrise Room.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Bruce Welander



## Good Samaritan Fund



Did you know that Faith Community Lutheran has a Good Samaritan Fund? This fund was set up several years ago with the purpose to provide direct emergency financial assistance to people in need. It is aimed towards helping those attending FCLC who need a little extra help or are in a time of a disaster (lost job, accident, fire, etc).

Money from the fund is also used to help people who are sponsored by an FCLC member or someone referred by a local non-profit organization. Currently a portion of the incoming offering goes to this fund, but all members are welcome to contribute to it anytime (just designate your gift to go to the "Good Samaritan Fund"). For questions about the application process, please contact Susan Moller ([susan@fclc.org](mailto:susan@fclc.org))

## The next Orientation to FCLC is soon upon us.

Contact the church office at 303-776-8771, or via email [Janelle@fclc.org](mailto:Janelle@fclc.org) or stop by the office at any time. God's peace to you!

1. November 4th 6 – 7:30 pm Orientation Session
2. November 11th 9:45 - 10:45 am Orientation Session#2 (during Sunday school hour)

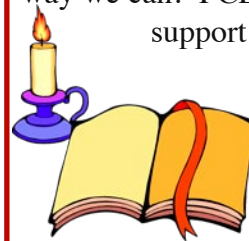
You will be received into FCLC membership on November 5th at the 11:00 am service.

Luncheon to follow for new FCLC members, Council and Staff.

May we add your name to our list?

## Seminary Scholarship Fund

Are you considering serving the Lord by going into the Seminary? We want to support you in any way we can! FCLC Outreach has a fund setup to support students attending Seminary.



Please contact the Outreach Committee ([outreach@fclc.org](mailto:outreach@fclc.org)) if you're interested in the application process for tuition reimbursement

## October Wedding Anniversaries



**October 3**

**Jeff and Kim Bonds – 20 years**

**October 4**

**Jack and Monica Peeples – 15 years**

**October 7**

**Jan and Julie Baas – 35 years**

**Zach and Shannon Myers – 1 year**

**October 8**

**Steve and Diana Phelan – 19 years**

**October 9**

**Adam and Sarah Gostenik – 3 years**

**October 16**

**Larry and Karen Odegard – 43 years**

**October 22**

**Steve and Marcie Mason – 29 years**

**Bradley and Lynn Wolfe – 13 years**

**October 24**

**James and Kathijo Walder – 3 years**

**October 26**

**Howard and Ardie Sahl – 11 years**

**October 27**

**Brad and Gena Steele – 28 years**

# FCLC Christian Education News

## Halloween Alternative for Preschool-2nd graders: Pumpkin Patch Parable Party-October 28, 6-7 pm

Preschool-2nd graders, join us as we discover how the pumpkins grown in FCLC's own pumpkin patch will become a parable for sharing the Good News! Sponsored by FCLC's Christian Education Committee, activities for this event will be based on Liz Curtis Higgs' book, "The Pumpkin Patch Parable".



## Do you hear a constant clicking noise every time you take a step?

No need to worry! No need to have your ears checked! You must be one of the 61 FCLC members participating in the 10,000 Step-A-Day Walking Challenge! Check out the bulletin board across from the church office to see which teams are stepping it up! Drawing for final prizes for all who individually reach 700,000 steps will take place on Sunday, November 18, at the Celebration Luncheon. Watch this space for more details!

**BONFILS**  **BLOOD CENTER**

## **Bonfils Blood Drive on October 28**

8:30 am-12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

It may be someone you know—a family member, a friend, or a stranger, but your blood donation will save the lives of up to three people. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact: Mary Konicek [MaryLarryKids@aol.com](mailto:MaryLarryKids@aol.com)

**Have your blood pressure checked at the same time!** Blood pressure checks will be taking place on October 28, 9-11 am in the Fireside Room

## A Taste of Skinny Cookbooks Now On Sale!

Are you feeling the need to start eating a little healthier BEFORE the Holidays? Need a skinny stocking stuffer idea? Purchase Faith Community Lutheran's own, A Taste of Skinny Cookbook, and savor some of the healthy recipes contributed by FCLC members. Cookbooks are \$7 and may be purchased before and after the Sunday School hour in Room 102. (Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will be used to begin a defibrillator fund.) Sponsored by FCLC's Health and Wellness Ministry.





## Begin filling your shoebox!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD begins on October 14! Become a part of this annual outreach tradition at Faith Community Lutheran. Fill a shoe box with small toys and personal hygiene items, and return to church by November 11. For more information, pick up a brochure after October 14, on the oasis bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs at church.

### Dates to Remember

October 21		Christian Education THEME: Angel Occupations
October 28	8:30am-12:30pm	Bonfils Blood Drive
October 28	6:00-7:00 pm	Pumpkin Patch Parable Party (Preschool-2nd grades)
November 4	6:00-7:30 pm	New Member Orientation to FCLC #1
November 10	9:00am-1:00 pm	CSLA Meeting & Luncheon
November 11	9:45-10:45 am	New Member Orientation to FCLC #2 (Join at 11 am service, luncheon follows)

### GOT QUESTIONS?

Director of Christian Education:

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Education Chairperson:

Rhea Hoops

[hoopsrd@msn.com](mailto:hoopsrd@msn.com)

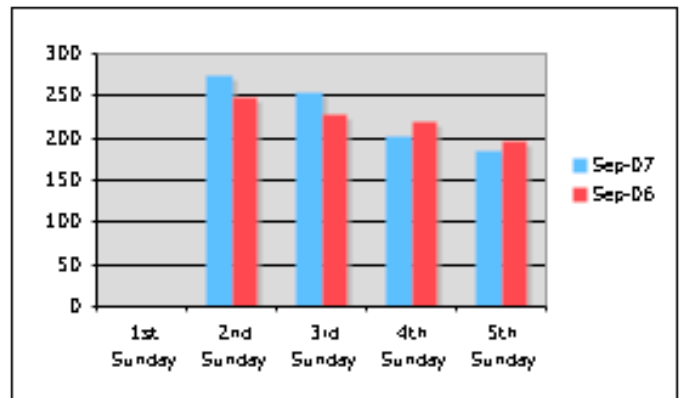


### HeartCraft Fair – Nov. 3-4

The holidays are just around the corner. There will be some great gift ideas at the HeartCraft Fair. Tim and Heidi Sullivan are missionaries to India and will be bringing their crafts to sell on November 3-4. Don't miss out!

### Sunday School Attendance

	Sep-07	Sep-06
1st Sunday	No SS	No SS
2nd Sunday	274	249
3rd Sunday	253	228
4th Sunday	203	219
5th Sunday	184	196



Attendance

# Outreach News

## Outreach Focus for October

FCLC Outreach has designated October to focus on Prison Ministries. Currently, FCLC provides financial support to two different Prison Ministries in the area: Shekinah Prison Ministries and New Beginnings Church.

✦ **New Beginnings Church** ([www.newbeginningsdwcf.org](http://www.newbeginningsdwcf.org)): This is an ELCA church located inside the Denver Women's Correctional Facility (DWCF) in Aurora, Colo. With 900 inmates, this ministry reaches out with its church services and Friday night bible studies. Pastor Emily Cardin will be coming to speak at FCLC on Sunday, Oct 21. She will also be accepting the illustrations drawn by the children in our Sunday school classes to be given to the inmates. These drawings are based on Bible passages from Paul and Silas in prison and are a part of the five-week Sunday school theme.

✦ **Shekinah Christian Ministries** ([www.injail.org](http://www.injail.org)): This organization is based in Longmont and reaches out to several different ministries including prisons, jails, youth detention centers as well as aftercare mentoring. They reach out to this community by providing Bible studies inside a variety of facilities. Volunteers are always needed.

### \*\* Prison Ministry Volunteer Opportunity

– Shekinah will be leading three services at High Plains Correctional Facility on Friday, Nov. 30 & Saturday, Dec. 1. This facility is located in Brush, Colo., and houses up 350 adult women from Wyoming and Colorado. (<https://exdoc.state.co.us/secure/combo/weblets/index.php/facilities/view/24>)

Volunteers are needed to help with the services by sharing their testimony, praying with the inmates, participating in the worship team, or helping with refreshments. If you are interested, please contact Ruthann Hoag at (303) 682-9593 ([ruthann@injail.org](mailto:ruthann@injail.org)). You will need to "RSVP" no later than Oct. 15 so that a visitor pass can be obtained in time.

You will need to provide your full name, birth date and driver's license number to participate.



## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Don't forget to keep in mind that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (<http://dvam.vawnet.org/>). Located in Longmont, the Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley ([www.safeshelterofstvrain.org](http://www.safeshelterofstvrain.org)) is an incredible organization that has been giving support to women and children in abusive situations since 1978. They have many volunteer opportunities that you can get involved with by contacting the Volunteer Coordinator at (303) 772-0432.

### October Bible Drive

Do you have a Bible that isn't being used? Here's an opportunity for YOU to make a difference and to spread the Good News! There are several ministries, including Prison and Aftercare Ministries, that can make good use of those used Bibles. During the month of October, FCLC Outreach is sponsoring a Bible Drive. You can donate your "Gently Used" Bibles by bringing them to the Outreach Corner at church (SW corner of the Narthex). Your donation is much appreciated!



### Mark Your Calendars

FCLC Outreach has some volunteer opportunities for YOU! Mark your Calendars...

- ✦ Saturday, Oct. 6: Serve lunch at OUR Center from 10am-2pm  
→ Contact Tami Musfeldt ([tami.m@comcast.net](mailto:tami.m@comcast.net)) if you're interested.
- ✦ Saturday, Nov. 17: Serve lunch at Habitat for Humanity at 11:30am
- ✦ Contact Veta Hartman ([hartmanv@comcast.net](mailto:hartmanv@comcast.net)) if you're interested.

### Thank YOUs

A BIG Thank YOU to all those who graciously volunteered their entire Saturday to help with the Habitat for Humanity Work Day on Sept. 29. It was a hard day's work but was very rewarding at the same time. This project wouldn't be successful without all those willing hands to serve to Lord!

The Outreach Committee would also like to thank the congregation for their support in the August Sock Drive and September Coat Drive. Over 100 pairs of men's socks were donated to HOPE and many coats were given to the OUR Center Clothing Bank. We couldn't have done it without your generosity and kindness...thank YOU!



## YOUR ENDOWMENT FUNDS AT WORK IN AFRICA

*At the beginning of the year, FCLC through the Endowment Fund sent \$3100.00 to Rev. Anthony Mulbah, a Lutheran pastor in Liberia, Africa to start a school in the village of Gbonyea. In May he sent to Todd and Tyger Penson, members of FCLC, a letter, excerpts of which are as follows.*

Greetings in the blessed name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are thankful to God that life on the general level is fine with us. We enjoy good health, we eat at least every day, our children are in school, we are continuing the translation works on the Bible, Temeh [wife of Anthony] is still engaged in farming rice, and we are supervising the school project.

We are grateful to God through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior that you have come to our aid. Had it not been your assistance and that of the Faith Community Lutheran Church, these rural children would have no access to formal education. We as a family who want to help improve the lives of these children could remain frustrated.

The school has 133 students. There are 47 girls and 86 boys. Apart from these children, there are more than one hundred others who want to benefit from this project. There are some who dropped from school because they were forced to fight, and others who had to run for safety; thus, leaving school. After these people had seen their own children and other relatives in the school, they want to at least enroll and improve their little learning.

At present, these people are greatly involved in the needed works. They have cleared the site, molded over 5,000 earth blocks. They have identified some trees to be sawed into the needed sizes of timbers and planks. As I write this letter, the sawing is in progress. I was told by one of the sawyers that they

have already sawed 75 pieces of planks and timbers. As I am writing this, he came for money to purchase gasoline, oil and file.

On 7 May, 2007, I left Gbonyea. During that visit, I saw about 10 logs cut at the length of 14 feet. We hope when sawed, we will get the needed planks and timbers for the roofing, doors/windows and benches/chairs/desks.

Finally, we want to extend many thanks and appreciation to you and the Faith Community Lutheran Church. We expect to pay for the workmanship of the building of the school. We do not know how much it will cost. We do not owe the teachers. The amount given covers the entire school year [\$100.00 for an entire term]. We hope to improve it when funds or assistance are forth coming.

*Though this is but part of the letter, we wanted to share it with you. He sent a report of the use of the \$3100.00 which will be given to the Endowment Fund Committee. Since May, the money has run out and the building of the school is on hold.*

*Thank you for your partnership in helping the village of Gbonyea, Liberia, to recover from the 15 year war that devastated that nation.*

*Todd and Tyger Penson*







# LIBRARY NOTES

**WELCOME TO FAITH LIBRARY!** The Mile High Chapter of Church and Synagogue Library Association will be the guest of FCLC's Library Committee for its fall meeting on Saturday, November 10. Congregational librarians and friends of church libraries will gather to tour the library and the church, meet fellow librarians challenged by the mission of providing library resources for their congregation, and share both problems and solutions.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the 10 a.m. program, tours of the library, a book exchange, short business meeting, and a luncheon served by FCLC members. Members of Faith are invited to join the librarians from Denver, Boulder, and other Colorado communities. If you are aware of a church in your neighborhood with a library or thinking of starting one, urge them to join the group on November 10. Please RSVP to Lois Ward (303-774-1306 or [lwgleamings@comcast.net](mailto:lwgleamings@comcast.net)) if you plan to have lunch with us.

## Read & Recommended?

Have you noticed the book holder on the library desk with "R&R books?" These are books which Faith members have read and found particularly inspiring, helpful, thought-provoking ... or just a pleasure to relax and read? Maybe it is a picture book that your child has asked for again and again? Perhaps you found helpful hints for some shared family fun? Or it might be a VCR or DVD that you want to recommend? A number of earlier nominated books are already in circulation and we need more recommendations. Help keep that book rack full and share your pleasure in reading. **Give Lois Ward your recommendation today! Fill that display with your choices!**



## NEW TITLES FOR FALL READING ....

*[There's always a sampling of the new and new-to-the-library books in the narthex bin, but take time to stroll back the hall to the library to find dozens more. It's a great opportunity spend a few moments with the lovely and inspiring cross collection at that end of the hall. It seems to grow weekly!]*

**The myth of happiness: discovering a joy you never thought possible.** Rich Wagner, 2007. What is biblical joy ... that goes beyond a smiley face and takes hold of the fullness promised by Jesus?

**CrossFire** [a political/suspense novel set in the counter-narcotics war in Bolivia], **The DMZ** [set in the guerilla warfare in Colombia], and **FireStorm** [an exploration of Islamic terror ties in Latin America]. Three novels written by Jeanette Windle, daughter of missionaries, who grew up in Colombia and later went with her husband to Bolivia to work with an interdenominational Christian Mission organization.

**On-the-Job Prayers: 101 reflections and prayers for Christians in every occupation.** William David Thompson, 2006.

**Brother Juniper.** Diane Gibfried, 2006. Worried about leaving the overly-generous Brother Juniper in charge of their chapel when they went out to preach, the other friars were still unprepared for the results of his generosity when they return. A great picture book for young book lovers.

**Cure [periodical] : cancer updates, research & education.** The library receives current issues of this magazine filled with articles and information on cancer and its treatment. These are placed in the reading room and may be taken home to read.

**Standing up for your child without stepping on toes.** Vicki Caruana, 2007. Includes chapters such as The buddy, the bully, and the hero – Knowing when to step in – Learning when to stand aside, etc.



# Fellowship News



## Bon Appétit!! Dinner Groups are Forming Now

- ❖ Do you like to meet new people?
- ❖ Do you like delicious food?
- ❖ Do you enjoy great conversation?

Then FCLC's Bon Appétit Dinner Groups are just the thing for you. New groups are being formed for 2007-2008, so sign up today and enjoy the fun. Fill out the sign-up sheet and place it in the purple survey box in the narthex or drop it by the church office. Already involved? Remember to re-register to keep your current group and/or to be placed in with a new group. Don't miss out!!!

Please call Shannon Holstine 303-682-1182 or Kaydene Hubert 303-651-9479 if you have any questions about the Bon Appétit groups.

### ***Bon Appétit Dinner Group Sign-Up Sheet***

Your FCLC Fellowship Committee invites you to join ***Bon Appétit***. This is a great way to get to know other church members and make lasting friendships. ***Bon Appétit*** is open to singles and couples. The groups can meet in member's homes or at area restaurants; you can meet for breakfast, lunch or dinner; you can include children or not. You can decide as a group what will work best for you.

To join ***Bon Appétit***, please fill out this questionnaire and place it in the purple Survey Box in the narthex or drop it by the church office.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

1. Were you in a 2005-2006 dinner group?    Yes    No
2. Do you want a new group or to remain with your current group? (Circle one)
3. If there is a person/couple that you would like to have in your Bon Appétit dinner group, please list their Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_
4. If you would like your group to be based on family or age dynamics, please indicate your preference or circle "ANY" if you have no preference:  
Group Age Type:    ANY    20-40's    40-50's    50's-60's    60 & Up  
Family Type:    ANY    No Kids    Pre/Elem.    M.S/H.S.    Empty Nesters
5. How large of a group are you comfortable meeting with?    6-8    8-10    10-12
6. Are you interested in a group where the monthly host family will invite an additional couple to dinner (an FCLC family, friends interested in FCLC, friends not attending church)?    Yes    No

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*Friday Oct. 5, 2007*

*8pm to 11pm*

*\$8.00 per person*

***The Lounge at Centennial Lanes –  
Longmont, Colo.***

***Adult Event Only - Cash Bar***

***Hurry to get your tickets from  
Denise Parsons or Andrea Lee***



# FLY. (Faith Lutheran Youth)

## Pages

### **Where is the Youth Sign-up Board?**

I am so glad you asked that! It is located in the hallway outside the church office next to the bathrooms! All you need to know about the Youth Program is on this board. Thanks to those serving on our Youth Committee, this will be updated monthly by them as things come up!

### **WHAZ UP?**

#### **Do you sometimes forget when an activity is?**

Do you listen at Fire Pit and then get home and say, "When is that Fall Retreat?" Well, we have a "tool" for you! Yes, every month there will be a page called "WHAZ UP" and you can find it in the Youth Room or you can find it in an envelope on the Youth Board! All activities / Bible Studies / LOF rehearsals / committee reminders for the month will be listed on this sheet. You can take this home, tape it on your mirror, stick it on the fridge! If you are in Middle school or high school, please look for this page so you can know "WHAZ UP!"

**Youth Committee** will meet in the Youth Room Tuesday October 9 beginning at 6:30pm. If you are on the committee and unable to make this meeting, make sure you call someone to replace you! We will have you report on how you have been doing with "making connections" and continue our plans for the year. Remember to bring your folders. Many thanks to Kendall Lind and Ben Woo Ching for sitting in on the first half of the council meeting to report on behalf of the youth! Thanks for stepping up guys!

### **LOF – Leap of Faith Worship Team**

Rehearsals are changing in the month of October to Sunday mornings. See Dawn for more details.

If you are interested in joining this music team this fall, please talk to Dawn and show up for the rehearsals! All Middle School and High School are welcome.

### **FIRE PIT/FIRE UP!**

will continue in September for the high school group. (Middle schoolers are welcome during the summer months only... sorry friends!) Every Wednesday night beginning at 7:30pm and running an hour or so. If it is nice out, we will convene at the Fire Pit outside and do our thing there... if it is cold, we will move inside (Fire Up!) to the Youth Room.



This is a good time midweek to check in with your friends from church and see how their week is going! Mike Krantz, Pastor Dan and Diane

Sell will rotate in leadership of this weekly event. There will be some games, some small groups, some Bible focus time and prayer... oh, yeah, and there will probably be food, too! Bring a friend and come join us.

### **S.N.S – Saturday Night at Stover's**

When: Saturday, October 6

Time: 7pm

Cost: not a thing! -0- zilch – nothing

This is a must! Have you seen this place? It is a Youth Group "playground"! Come and kick back do some chillin' and chattin'. You don't need a sign-up sheet for this, just come. It will be every first Saturday of the month following LOF leading worship on Saturday night!

### **Children's Message – Puppets**

Do you have a hidden talent that you are not aware of? Yes! It is puppet drama! The fourth Sunday of every month is the morning that we give the children's messages via puppets. If this is something that you might be interested in, please see Diane and let her know. She will get you on a list and call you to do this fun ministry!



by Diane Sell

First week children sermons are usually given by Youth. If this is something that interests you, see Diane as well for details on this.



## **WORKCAMP 2008**

Where: Blanding, Utah

When: July 5-12, 2008

Cost: \$560.00

I don't need to tell you how life-changing Workcamp can be. You just need to listen to those who have attended. WorkCamp is a strong tradition at FCLC; in planning your summer for next year please consider this trip in your plans. Sililo WooChing is the man to see if you want to go. We already have Youth signed up and deposit paid! Talk to your parents, talk to your friends and, if you are interested, connect with Sililo today!

**Don't forget our next meeting Sunday, October 21 at 12 pm in the Sunrise Room 226.**

## **Fundraising for Trips**

Throughout the year you will have a number of chances to participate in fundraising. There is a committee being formed to figure out what we can do next year to help defray the cost of your trips and/or events. Workcampers have this down. They have been doing it for years, this year we want to extend our fundraising efforts to include all Youth who are entering middle school through high school. Please keep your eyes and ears open for more information coming soon!

## **Lutheran College Tour**

Pastor Dan is leading a Lutheran College Tour – November 1–5, 2007.

The tour includes:

- ★ Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS;
- ★ Midland College in Fremont, NE;

- ★ Dana College in Blair, NE;
- ★ Luther College in Decorah, IA;
- ★ St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN;
- ★ Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN.

The tour is open to any senior high school students who are researching colleges and universities for their higher education.

The cost is \$50. Look for a sign-up sheet on the Youth bulletin board. Any questions, please contact Pastor Dan via phone or email [dan@fclc.org](mailto:dan@fclc.org)

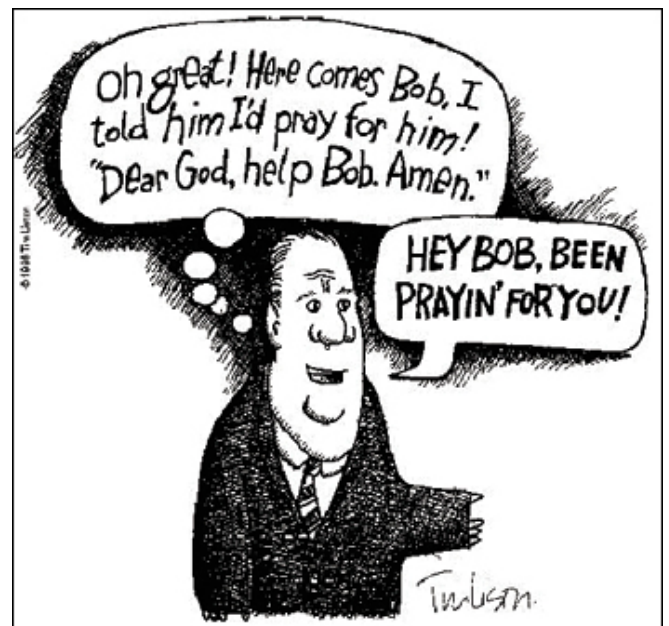
**Pray, pray, pray...** do you sometimes wonder what you can do for our Youth?

Are you unable to participate like you would like to due to circumstances? Our youth need your prayers daily.

- † Pray for safety in their daily life.
- † Pray for wisdom to make good choices.
- † Pray for God to show them their gifts and how to utilize them.
- † Pray for our Youth that they may be one in community here at FCLC.
- † Pray that they may be leaders for Christ in their schools and communities.
- † Pray that they may be welcoming to those who do not feel welcomed.

That is a gift that you can give daily.

Many thanks and many blessings,  
Diane Sell



## Terror in the Corn! at Anderson Farms

**When:** Sunday October 28

**Cost:** \$20 includes a light meal

**Time:** 6:30pm-8:30pm

At Youth Committee meeting in August, our Middle School team decided that this would be the "best thing ever" to go to...and so if you are scared out of your mind...talk with them! The sign-up is currently on the youth board, so make sure to get your name on it! You can sign up friends, but again, we need their names along with their phone number. Perhaps we should talk about our "fears" before or after this event! I could also stand about five more adults to attend this with me! So adults, sign up as well please...

TIM Team (Teens In Ministry) recap: Our TIM Team has been doing an outstanding job with our WNL kids. September brought us the Crazy Olympics and many other adventures...if you see this

team in their "Red shirts" on a Wednesday night between the hours of 5:30 – 7:30pm don't forget to give them a "high five." They are dedicated and a wonderful example of young "Christ-filled" leaders. Look for more information to come regarding a WNL field trip to Black Belt world with Cindy Hansen and friends on Wednesday October 17.

TIM Team Leaders

### **Titus Team (Preschool ages)**

- Ruth Lerum
- Simone Obrien

### **Isaiah Team (K-2nd)**

- Tara Jurgensmeyer
- Lauren Tway
- Nathan Schemmel
- Jordan Lind

### **Micah Team (3rd-5th)**

- McKenna Inskeep
- Malanie Roth
- Connor Magyar



## Survive is coming to Denver!

**When:** November 9-10, 2007

**Where:** [Pepsi Center](#) - Denver, CO

**Who:** Boys & Girls 13 & up

**[Sign up for Survive TODAY!](#)**

## Survive Speakers and Artists



### **You're Invited**

Sign up on the youth bulletin board if you'd like to go. The cost is \$50 + money for food (there are scholarships available if needed, see Kaydene Hubert). Invite a friend, this could be life changing, you don't want to miss it!!

Check it out online at [www.dare2share.org/denver](http://www.dare2share.org/denver)

### **Deadline for signing up is October 14th**

See or call Kaydene Hubert at 303-845-2290 if you have any questions.



## Middle School Youth Gathering

When: January 11-13, 2008

**Theme:** All About Me

**Cost:** \$125.00

It is NOT too early to start thinking about this, friends! There is a sign-up on the youth board now...we need to have an idea of how many are interested in going by the end of October, so please sign up today. This event is a wonderful way to build community

among our own congregation while meeting other kids your age within our synod. Many kids end up seeing others they know from their own school!

EYEWITNESS band will be featured as last year. This is an awesome local Christian Band that shares an amazing message of Christ's love through music. You don't want to miss this, so sign up now!

## October Birthdays!



### October 1

Wanda Gwinn  
Dan Hansen  
Steve Lauerman  
Margi Davis  
Amanda Held  
Kendra O'Brien  
Jenna Schemmel

### October 2

Rod Bowman  
Jesse Demmel  
Isabella Musser  
Colton Goldfarb

### October 3

Elisabeth Phelan

### October 4

Diane Rozek  
Mitzi Fellows  
Meghan Audley  
Kyle Goertz

### October 5

Mike Felton  
Blair Smallwood  
Sophia Carstens  
Christi Davis

### October 6

Hanorah Anderson

Alice Turner

### October 7

Pat Galyardt

Duane Sharp

Pat Carson

Daniel Stechman

### October 8

Mary Lou Urena

Amy Miller

Peter Konicek

### October 9

Laurel Schemmel

Scott Platt

### October 10

Teresa Stamp

Mollie Goings

David Konicek

Joshua Tuominen-

Collins

### October 11

Wayne Hubert

Rob Boggess

### October 12

Nanette Goings

Jordan Smith

### October 13

Bill Prout

Perry Willson

Brenda Spreier

Emily Cousins

### October 14

Jan Baas

James Walder

### October 15

Janelle Olson

Sandy Seale

Matthew Carson

Alex Olson

### October 17

Renee McDermid

### October 18

Andrea Johnson

Sharon Vaughn

Lexie Unger

### October 19

Ann Dworak

Dan Griffie

### October 20

Kevin Kovets

### October 21

Carl Backes

Merrie Harper

### October 22

Hannah Cole

### October 23

Bruce Welander

Sherri Platt

### October 24

Susan Moller

Brett

Riemenschneider

### October 25

Mike Cousins

Sue Ney

### October 26

Dawn Hajdas

### October 27

Mandy Wormke

Anuheia Bowman

### October 30

Neal Carver

Kari Uecker

Mallory Mueller

### October 31

Paul Storaci

## ***Notes from Ed Broestl, Parish Associate***

Since this is my first monthly newsletter article, I will cover several topics: provide a short bio so you know a little about me, describe the role of the Parish Associate so you will know what to expect, and a comment that I would like you to ponder and discuss with me as God leads.

I am originally from Bay Village, Ohio. I was born, baptized, and confirmed Lutheran. I received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Mich. (that is in the Keweenaw Peninsula in Upper Michigan). Upon graduation, I was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force and spent 20 years in various locations throughout the world. I retired from the Air Force in 1990 as a Lieutenant Colonel moving the family from northern Virginia to Berthoud during the summer of 1989. Diane and the boys discovered Faith Community Lutheran Church during the fall of 1989 and we became members in December 1989. From 1990 to 2006, I worked for various companies in Boulder, Broomfield, and Loveland. The Broomfield company was an IT Professional Services Consulting Company that I started in 1996. In the summer of 2003, I publicly stated I felt called to full-time Christian ministry. I began seminary studies, on a part-time basis, with the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in January 2004. I completed all the course work for a Master of Arts in Ministerial Studies this past August. I am currently in the ELCA candidacy process with the goal of becoming a consecrated Diaconal Minister in early 2008.

The Parish Associate position began on Sept. 10, 2007. The position is a liaison between council, staff, and congregation with an initial focus on Outreach, Property, and Stewardship. Initially, I will work on the organizational aspects of the ministries. As the organizational needs lessen, I will be encouraging members to discover and apply their gifts in the workplace and inside the body of Christ. Also, I anticipate assisting the pastors in the area of pastoral care.

My seminary requirements included a project where I examined three churches, one over 100 years old (First Lutheran here in Longmont), one under 25 years old (Cross of Christ in Broomfield), and one in-between (Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in Centennial). The examination focused on discovering why the congregations formed, had they been faithful to their formation reason throughout their history, and how the congregation's performed social ministry during their history. One of the project discoveries was that the passion (intense emotion compelling action) of the people energized and guided the congregation's social ministries. My question to each reader is: What intense emotion has God laid on your heart that you would like to see lived out in this congregation? Let me know either by email ([ed@fclc.org](mailto:ed@fclc.org)), phone (303-776-8771), or in the hall.



## All about Administration

from Susan Moller  
Director of Business Administration

### About.....Our Fall Stewardship

By now, you have received a letter from the Stewardship committee addressing our 2008 pledge campaign. We ask that you pray about what God would have you do. Then, mark your calendar to attend the special "Pledge for Success Stewardship Celebration" on either Saturday, October 13 or Sunday, October 14 after each worship service. (Don't worry, the Stewardship Committee checked the Broncos schedule before setting the date!) You can return your "Estimate of Giving" card and be ready to enjoy a very special sweet treat!

### About.....Simply Giving and Credit Card Donations

If you haven't considered Simply Giving yet, please do. It is an automated giving program, sponsored by Thrivent Financial, that helps you conveniently contribute to FCLC through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account OR your credit card. You determine the frequency of your automatic gift (weekly, semi-monthly or monthly). For your convenience, there was a sign-up form included with the Stewardship letter that you just received in the mail. This form can also be used for any changes if you are currently enrolled in the program.

### About..... Our New Education Wing Loan

We were able to pay \$10,000 extra toward our loan principal this month. The current balance is \$99,743. Our goal is to have the loan on this project paid off by December 2007.

TOTAL Project Cost is **\$800,000**

Project began  
January 2005

**\$700,257** has been paid through  
**September 16, 2007**

**Blessings,**

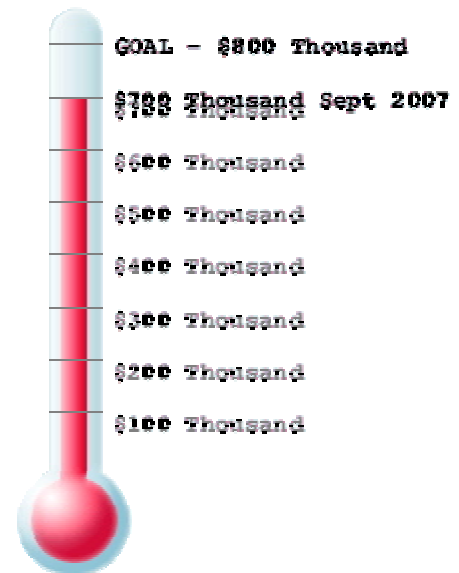
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by Susan Moller



### FCLC FINANCES

As of 9/27/07:

General Offering YTD	\$446,716
Budget YTD	\$527,197
Expenses YTD	\$(448,758)
New Building Giving YTD	\$120,909



**Hello WACKY Types** (Without Any Children Kids Youth in your home), i.e., empty nesters or married without children



Here is a reminder note to keep a spot on your calendar for our next

potluck at 6:30 PM on Friday, October 12th, in the church Fellowship Hall.

Let's do a Fall theme. People with last names beginning from A-K please bring a main dish and L-Z bring a salad or dessert. See you there!

**BIG Thank YOU** goes out to all those who graciously donated time, money, and school supplies to the Lutheran Family Services (LFS) 2007 School Supply Drive held in July/August. As a church, we collected \$1132 and lots of supplies. With the help of the "Moms & More Bible Study" and kiddos, FCLC was able to give 32 backpacks full of supplies plus 32 gift cards (\$25) to LFS Foster & Refugee Children.

**Way to go!**



## Endowment Fund News

The Endowment Fund Board announces that there will be funds available for distribution in January of 2008. This distribution shall be made with particular emphasis on enhancing and extending the life and mission of the congregation, which may include support for: domestic and foreign missions; scholarships; professional staff for special seminars; community projects; Via de Cristo; Mexico mission. The Board will be accepting applications for funds through December 31, 2007. Applications may be picked up from the church office.

**Got questions?** Ask one of these persons: Roger Olsen, John Meier, Chris Holstine, Tracy Rothe, Kelly Marshall



*God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" Luke 4:18-19*

## Catch the Spirit!

### Council Corner

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Our Council Members and Church Staff are always available to listen to the ideas and concerns of our members. Your input is invaluable in aiding the leadership of Faith Community Lutheran in determining the direction we should go in fulfilling God's mission for us. We welcome you to take part and share your vision.

- Council minutes are public record and kept in the Church Office.
- Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 8pm. Meetings are open to the congregation.
- If you would like to be involved in any of the ministries listed above, contact the ministry chair.

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## **Mission Verse**

God's Spirit is on me:  
He chose me to preach the  
Message of Good News to the  
poor, Sent me to announce  
pardon of prisoners and  
recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set the burdened and  
battered free, to announce,  
"This is God's year to act!"

*Luke 4:18-19*

## **Our Vision**

*In each of us burns a flame  
so we gather in faith and  
hope to reach out in love.*



## **Our Core Values**

**To "Reach Out in Love"  
as a church that is:**

- \* Bible-centered
- \* Prayer-centered
- \* Worship-centered with blended  
styles of music
- \* Kid-Friendly
- \* Visitor-Friendly
- \* A Model of the Priesthood  
of Believers
- \* A Model of "First Fruits Giving"  
(to various outreach projects)